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## **FEDERAL FUNDS AWARDED TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### **Richland Parish Assessment District, East Carroll Parish Law Enforcement District, East Carroll Parish Hospital Service District, and Town of Lake Providence to Benefit**

RAYVILLE, October 22, 2004 – Congressman Rodney Alexander joined USDA Rural Development State Director Michael B. Taylor today to present the Richland Parish Assessment District, East Carroll Parish Law Enforcement District, East Carroll Parish Hospital Service District, and Town of Lake Providence loan and grant funds for important community projects.

#### **Richland Parish Assessment District - \$74,400 Grant**

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a complete “Emergency 911” computer and software system for the Richland Parish Tax Assessor’s office—enabling Richland Parish to provide 911 address maintenance, emergency preparedness, homeland security, flood control, and road and bridge support.

#### **East Carroll Parish Law Enforcement District - \$24,200 Grant**

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to purchase two police cars for the East Carroll Parish Law Enforcement District—ensuring a secure environment for East Carroll Parish residents.

#### **East Carroll Parish Hospital Service District - \$300,000 Loan**

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to repair the original roof of a 50-year-old hospital facility—providing for the safety of employees and patients, protection of equipment, and protection of the structural integrity of the building.

#### **Town of Lake Providence - \$9,762 Grant**

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a tractor for the Town of Lake Providence—enabling Lake Providence to perform routine maintenance, clean community areas, and enhance mosquito abatement efforts.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The Louisiana Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development’s loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development’s web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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